

**OPINION 2116 (Case 3279)*****Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Procas picipes*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Procas picipes*) for a widely distributed Palaearctic weevil (family ERIRHINIDAE) is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Curculio picipes* Fabricius, 1777. The two nominal species have not been considered congeneric since the early 1800s and are currently placed in different families.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *picipes* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Curculio picipes*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Curculio picipes* Fabricius, 1777.
- (2) The name *Procas* Stephens, 1831 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Westwood (1838) *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *picipes* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Curculio picipes* (type species of *Procas* Stephens, 1831) and ruled in (1) above to be not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Curculio picipes* Fabricius, 1777 is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3279**

An application to conserve the specific name *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Procas picipes*) for a widely distributed Palaearctic weevil (family ERIRHINIDAE) was received from R.T. Thompson (*Department of Entomology, Natural History Museum, London SW7 5BD, U.K.*) on 1 April 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 196–197 (September 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 197. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 20 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, Evenhuis, Kerzhner and Ng were on leave of absence; no vote was received from Böhme. Voting against, Halliday considered that the proposed action was unnecessary since the situation did not cause instability or confusion.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present opinion:

*Procas* Stephens, 1831. *Illustrations of British entomology . . . Mandibulata*, vol. 4, p. 90.  
*picipes*, *Curculio*, Marsham, 1802, *Entomologia britannica . . .*, vol. 1, Coleoptera, p. 272.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 as the type species of the nominal genus *Procas* Stephens, 1831:

**Westwood, J.O.** 1838. *Synopsis of the genera of British insects*, [Appended to] *An introduction to the modern classification of insects*, vol. 2, p. 36.